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Alberta Premier Rachel Notley gives a thumbs up in the legislature on Monday before unveiling her vision through the throne speech. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Rentals aplenty, landlords picky

HOUSING

Vacancy rates have surged to a whopping 3.2% this year

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

It could be the end of renters' anxiety in Calgary after the latest numbers from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation revealed the city's vacancy rate has more than doubled in the past year.

Despite that, prices remained high in the CMHC's Spring Rental Market Survey, and most renters who spoke with Metro on Monday said landlords are still charging a premium for their spaces and even erring on the picky side when it comes to new tenants.

Calgary's vacancy rate shot up from a measly 1.4 per cent in April 2014 to a whopping 3.2 per cent this April.

That puts Calgary's vacancy rate well ahead of Edmonton's, which sat at 2.4 per cent in the new report.

"I don't think we're surprised," said Gerry Baxter, executive director of the Calgary Residential Rental Association, who had told Metro earlier in June many landlords were seeing a sharp shift in the marketplace.

It was just eight months ago that Mayor Naheed Nenshi admonished some landlords for price "gouging" in the city's extra-tight rental market.

As for dollars and cents, Calgary fell to the second most-expensive spot in Canada, with an average rent for a two-bedroom apartment sitting at $1,319, behind Vancouver's mark of $1,345.

Calgary's average two-bedroom rent stood at $1,322 in the CMHC tally of six months earlier, ahead of Vancouver, which was at $1,311 in the fall report.

The CMHC survey includes apartments and row homes containing at least three rental units but excludes "the secondary rental market," which consists of suites in homes, basements and other alternative housing.

Shannon MacDonald, who just moved into a cat-friendly space in Calgary, said options seem to have opened up for renters in the city.

"There was definitely a lot to choose from, but the prices were still high," she said.

"If you want a decent one bedroom, you're likely going to pay at least $1,100."

Darren Paddock with RentFaster said landlords aren't too eager to ease up on pricing when it comes to filling their once-coveted units.

"It's sticky coming down," he said. "Maybe this doesn't last that long; they're waiting to see."

He said the excess availability lies mostly in newer builds and high-end condos.

"This is the most supply we've seen since we've been in business since 2003," said Paddock. "If you have a pet, or you are a smoker, or you have bad credit and you're looking for a one bedroom apartment … it's still very hard … we don't have a lot of those units."

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PETS

Dog on tracks saved by CTrain operator

Lucie Edwardson
For Metro | Calgary

When Giselle Thirlwall returned home from running errands with her sister Saturday afternoon, she knew right something was not right.

Thirlwall and her sister had left their two dogs out in her fenced backyard for a few hours while they were out. When they returned, Thirlwall didn't hear the usual greeting barks from her dog Lizzy — and she got a bad feeling.

"I heard my sister's dog barking, but I couldn't hear Lizzy and I knew immediately that something was wrong," said Thirlwall.

Somehow, Lizzy, a nine-year-old border Collie-Australian shepherd mix, had escaped from the backyard and ended up at the Bridgeland CTrain station.

Lizzy was frantically zigzagging across the tracks and trying to jump onto the platform when CTrain operator Kelley Slimmon came to the rescue.

Slimmon, a self-proclaimed dog lover, said that when he saw Lizzy in distress he stopped his train immediately to go and help her.

"She was terrified and soaking wet," said Slimmon. "There was thunder and lightning and every time I tried to go near her she got spooked and ran away again."

Finally, Lizzy found her way onto the platform and ran over to Slimmon, who escorted her safely onto the train. Passengers were able to care for the frightened dog until it was turned over to Calgary Transit peace officers at Rundle Station.

Shortly after, Lizzy was reunited with an emotional Thirlwall by animal control.

"I am just beyond words, Thirlwall said. "It is just her and me, so it would have been a big loss."

Slimmon said that had they not found Lizzy's owner, he and his wife Jasmine had planned on adopting the dog.

"I told my controller right away that if we didn't find her owner we were going to adopt her," he said.

But they are thrilled to have reunited Lizzy and Thirlwall.

"It means more to me than anything. It's like Christmas in June," said Slimmon.

Giselle Thirlwall thanks CTrain operator Kelley Slimmon for saving her dog Lizzie dog on Saturday. LUCIE EDWARDSON/FOR METRO

IN BRIEF

Crown opposing bail in gas-and-dash death

The Crown says it will oppose bail in the "unspeakable" hit-and-run death of a Calgary worker who tried to stop a driver from leaving a gas station without paying.

Joshua Cody Mitchell, 20, appeared on closed-circuit television in court Monday, and the matter was put over until June 30 to give him more time to get a lawyer.

Maryam Rashidi, 35, was hit by a stolen pickup truck June 7 and died in hospital last Tuesday.

"My heart goes out to the family of the victim, Ms. Rashidi, in this matter," said Calgary chief Crown prosecutor Lloyd Robertson. "Her family is coping with a terrible loss, a terrible tragedy, an unspeakable tragedy," he added. "This is a serious matter and I think it's fair to say it's shocked our city."

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The Langevin Bridge connects downtown Calgary to Crescent Heights and Bridgeland. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO FILE

Mayor open to getting rid of Langevin name

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

First Nations consulted on possible ways to address report

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Renaming the Langevin Bridge is among the ideas Mayor Naheed Nenshi is considering, in consultation with local First Nations, as Calgary looks to act on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) report.

"There has been quite a bit of talk in the public — many, many citizens have approached us with the idea of making a more deeply symbolic gesture of reconciliation that could include something like the renaming of the Langevin Bridge," Nenshi said during Monday's city council meeting.

"I have been seeking different perspectives on this from First Nations people, from our advisory committee, from historians and so on, on what that might look like."

The bridge was named for Hector-Louis Langevin, who helped pave the way for Canada's confederation, and was also an early proponent of the residential-school system. He argued in favour of removing aboriginal children from their families, so they wouldn't "remain savages."

> **"I really hope they do rename it to a First Nations name.**
> Charlotte (Yellow Horn) McLeod

Charlotte (Yellow Horn) McLeod, whose mother and father both went through the residential-school system, told Metro she was "humbled" when she heard discussion in city council about renaming the bridge, as the Langevin moniker is a reminder of a painful past.

"I really hope they do rename it to a First Nations name," she said. "It would be so moving."

Nenshi said Monday the city is considering numerous ways to act on the TRC report.

"I really look forward to bringing something to this council in the upcoming weeks and months, to talk about what that symbol of reconciliation would be," he said.

CRIME

Police hunting crossbow attacker

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

A man in his mid 20s was rushed to hospital in serious condition after being shot with a crossbow early Monday morning, according to police.

Information emerging over the afternoon led police to conclude that it was a targeted attack.

Sgt. Joe Hebert said the victim drove himself to the Sheldon Chumir urgent care unit, claiming he'd been struck by a bolt from a bow-and-arrow-type device around 3:10 a.m Monday.

"Sure enough, he had an arrow in his shoulder," Hebert said. "A piece of it had broken off and made its way toward his neck."

Hebert said the incident occurred in a parking garage near the 800 block of 4 Avenue SW, and investigators are still looking for clues leading them to the attacker.

Hebert said it's definitely one of the more strange incidents he's seen during his career.

"We're kind of shaking our heads at this one," he said. "I've been doing this 15 years now and I've never seen anyone struck with a bow and arrow before."

Calgary EMS said the man was transferred to the Foothills Medical Centre for treatment and has been downgraded from life-threatening to stable condition.

Sommerfelds 'overwhelmed'

COMMUNITY

$12.7K raised for memorial bursary 2 days after launch

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

The Sommerfeld family has seen an outpouring of support from the Chestermere community after the tragic death of their 17-year-old son Jaydon, who was killed in a horrific car crash last week.

Only two days after the launch of the Jaydon Sommerfeld Memorial Bursary, $12,700 had already been raised, easily surpassing the initial $10,000 goal and prompting the family to set a new fundraising target.

"In only eight hours, $5,000 in online donations came in," said Maureen Fehr, family friend of the Sommerfelds.

"That doesn't include all the individual fundraising being done around town and the donations coming in at the high school."

The idea for the bursary — which is to be awarded to a Grade 11 or 12 student at Chestermere High School starting in 2016 — came from Jaydon's grandfather Rod Sommerfeld, who was a former high-school principal in Medicine Hat.

"Jaydon was an excellent student. He told me two days before he died that he got 100 per cent on his trigonometry test.... As a former math teacher, I was pretty impressed," Rod said with a laugh.

"But we also want to recognize young people for their citizenship, character and moral conduct because that's the kind of boy Jaydon was," he added.

After conversations with Jaydon's parents and Chestermere High School, everyone was immediately on board, Rod said. Since the bursary went up online two days ago, the Sommerfelds have been overwhelmed by the community's response, he explained.

> **"The support has been absolutely amazing.... They really seemed to love that boy."**
> Rod Sommerfeld

"The support has been absolutely amazing," Rod said. "The attitude of the students at that school toward my grandson is something I've never, ever experienced. They really seemed to love that boy."

Flowers and notes of remembrance fill the school stall Jaydon used to park in.

Six wooden silos bordering the highway spell out Jaydon's name in colourful paint, a tribute to a young man who lost his life much too soon.

Jaydon Sommerfeld, left, with his grandfather Rod and his younger brother Brady. The Chestermere community is mourning the loss of Jaydon after he was killed in a car crash last week. CONTRIBUTED

IN BRIEF

Two men charged in relation to shooting

Two men face several charges after a police investigation into a reported alley shooting in the city's southeast.

Police responded Friday just before 9 p.m. to a residence in the 5600 block of 8th Avenue S. over reports that three vehicles were driving through an alleyway and shooting at each other.

Bader Eddin Amer, a 20-year-old from Calgary, has been charged with assault and possession of a prohibited weapon, along with 22-year-old Talal Mohamad Amer, who has been charged with four firearm offences and three drug-related offences. They both appeared in court Monday.

The investigation is ongoing, and police continue to seek the occupants of the dark blue four-door sedan, possibly a Chrysler 330, which had cardboard covering the passenger-side back window.

Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Gang Helpline at 403-428-8191. METRO

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NDP follows up on its vows

THRONE SPEECH

Party outlines higher taxes for the wealthy, big business

Alberta's New Democrats launched the post-Tory period of provincial politics Monday with a throne speech announcing bills to ban corporate and union political donations and to increase taxes on large corporations and the wealthy.

The bills follow through on promises made in last month's election campaign which ended with Rachel Notley and the NDP toppling a nearly 44-year-long Progressive Conservative dynasty.

"Our political system has been far, far too dependent on funds from a narrow range of donors with deep pockets, and far too removed from the interests of ordinary people," Notley told reporters before the throne speech. "We will tilt the playing field back in Albertans' favour, so that their interests come first."

The speech, read in the chamber by new Lt.-Gov. Lois Mitchell, outlined the government's goals and intentions for a legislature sitting expected to last just a few weeks.

Lieutenant Governor Lois Mitchell delivers the speech from the throne in Edmonton on Monday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The flagship bill is titled An Act to Renew Democracy in Alberta and proposes to ban corporate and union donations to political parties.

Corporate donations, including hefty cheques from oil companies and other businesses, have historically made up a substantial portion of fundraising for the Progressive Conservatives. The New Democrats have relied on union donations to fill their coffers.

In 2014, the NDP brought in almost $777,000 in donations, about 11 per cent of which came from unions.

> **We are returning to a more typical Canadian tax system.**
> Premier Rachel Notley

PC interim leader Ric McIver said banning corporate donations will "tilt the political scale" toward the NDP, while forcing businesses to find less-transparent avenues to get their contributions to the parties.

"If corporations want to give money, they'll have to find a legal way to encourage other people to do it," said McIver, one of nine Tories still holding a seat in the legislature.

The second bill, An Act to Restore Fairness to Public Revenue, proposes a "modest" increase to corporate income taxes, said Notley.

She has previously promised to raise the rate to 12 per cent from 10 per cent. The small-business rate would remain at its current level of three per cent.

The bill includes a plan to scrap Alberta's 10 per cent flat income tax and introduce higher rates on the top 10 per cent of tax filers.

"We are returning to a more typical Canadian tax system," said Notley, who noted that the province would still have the lowest overall tax burden.

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IN BRIEF

Royalties, greenhouse gas rules get little ink in NDP's first throne speech

Two of the biggest issues hanging over Alberta's oilpatch got very little ink in the new NDP government's first throne speech. Rather, issues like increasing corporate taxes took a centre stage.

Premier Rachel Notley did not add any more detail on how her government aims to approach royalties and greenhouse gas regulations.

But Notley says just because those matters won't be dealt with in this shortened legislative session doesn't mean work isn't being done on those files. She told reporters there should be more details on the royalty review panel's mandate and structure by the end of the summer.

Alberta's $15-a-tonne carbon levy is up for renewal at the end of the month, but the speech made no mention of where that's going.

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Education experts say NDP has right priorities

THRONE SPEECH

CBE thrilled by NDP's commitment to funding

Anna Brooks
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Our children are worth it.

That's the message Calgary Board of Education representatives are taking away from the Alberta throne speech Monday afternoon.

Chairwoman Joy Bowen-Eyre said it's the first time the board was even invited to the speech, and the discourse introduced Monday reinforced the NDP's commitment to stability and predictable funding for education.

"We couldn't agree more that our children are worth it," Bowen-Eyre said. "Honestly, it was very emotional. We feel that this government is truly committed to working with us and for our students."

Mark Ramsankar, president of the Alberta Teachers' Association, said the numerous references to education and health care during the speech conveyed where the government's priorities lie.

"It's a very important step because they're saying that they are serious," Ramsankar said. "There's optimism here that I haven't felt for a long time."

While the speech didn't get into specific details about two new bills — Bill 1, which would ban corporate and union donations to political parties in Alberta, and Bill 2, which increases corporate taxes and reintroduces progressive income taxes — Ramsankar said the interim supply bill announced will do a lot to facilitate summer planning in the education realm.

"If they didn't pass a supply bill, we'd have to wait until the fall budget," Ramsankar explained.

"Now there should be no reason for boards to be waiting past that June 30 deadline."

CBE chairwoman Joy Bowen-Eyre said Monday's throne speech was "very emotional" for her. METRO FILE

POLICY REVIEW

Liberal leader takes lead on mental health

The NDP's recent announcement that liberal leader Dr. David Swann will co-chair a review of Alberta's mental health policy is being applauded by the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA).

Callum Ross, advocacy and policy lead for CMHA's Calgary region, said that while he was disappointed that mental health was not referenced in Monday afternoon's throne speech, he thinks the review is a step in the right direction.

"We're really excited," Ross said. "They were talking about poverty, homelessness and aboriginal communities…if we take a collective approach on those issues, positive mental health outcomes are going to happen."

In undertaking the mental health review, Ross said he hopes Swann and his colleagues will focus more on community support and prevention programs.

According to last year's GAP-MAP (Gap Analysis of Public Mental Health and Addictions Programs) report, "0.1 per cent of total AHS direct service costs" went toward health promotion and disease prevention.

"That's unbelievably low," Ross said in reference to the GAP-MAP data. "We'd like any strategy to take note of the fantastic evidence that was put out last year."

Ross said he would also like to see those who actually utilize mental health services involved in the review.

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Alberta Liberal leader David Swann. METRO FILE

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Students counting on NDP

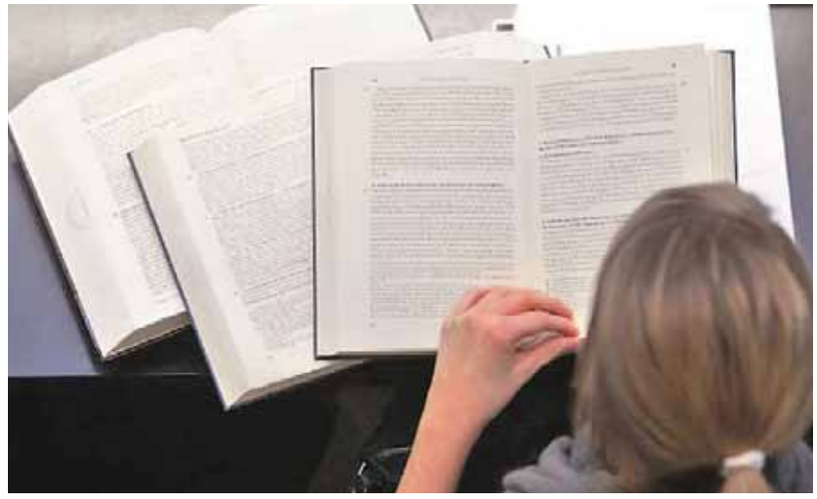
EDUCATION

Throne speech praised for references to stable funding

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

Alberta's post-secondary students, who under the previous PC regime had been hit with worries of a four per cent cut in funding over two years, turned an interested ear toward Monday's throne speech for hints of what's to come under the new NDP government.

Monday's speech addressed post-secondary students through the proposition of Bill 3, dubbed an act to "restore stability" to Alberta's education. The interim supply bill would be in place until the NDP government announces its new budget in the fall, and the speech pledges to "invest in stable and predictable funding for our schools and post-secondary institutions."



Alberta post-secondary students' unions are pleased by the tone of the throne speech and say they look forward to hearing more detail about the NDP's plans for education. CONTRIBUTED

"We could say definitely that we're happy to hear post-secondary education was mentioned in the throne speech today as part of Bill 3," said Romy Garrido, chair of the Council of Alberta University Students. "We're looking forward to having a seat at the table for what that will look like and the rest of their promises in the future."

"Post-secondary has a huge role to play."
Levi Nilson, U of C Students' Union

She added that students are particularly interested to hear more about the government's plans for so-called "market modifier" tuition hikes, which the NDP has promised to roll back.

The modifiers that had been approved for 2015 by the previous PC government for 25 programs at 10 different post-secondary institutions would have amounted to a total increase of roughly $21 million in tuition revenue.

Levi Nilson, president of the University of Calgary Students' Union, said it's great the Alberta government is talking about affordability and access when it comes to post-secondary education.

"The government is recognizing that post-secondary has a huge role to play," said Nilson.

Elizabeth Cannon, president of the University of Calgary, said they are looking forward to understanding the NDP's vision for post-secondary.

"Today was very much at a high level, not the level of detail that would address the more specifics we saw in their platform," said Cannon.

Erik Queenan, president of the Students' Association of Mount Royal University, echoed wishes of having a seat at the table, adding students should have an open dialogue with the government.

THRONE SPEECH

First Nations pleased

First Nations people across Alberta took notice Monday as Premier Rachel Notley's government mentioned them directly in its first throne speech.

Indeed, "indigenous" was not only mentioned, but was the seventh word in the first sentence of the speech.

The rhetoric and its prominence is a radical change, some First Nations leaders say, from the previous PC government.

"I think it's promising," said Joe Jobin, chief operating officer of Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta.

"Our grand chief (Steve Courtoreille) spoke to this, of the idea that we're very encouraged by the language the NDP have and we hope they'll continue to follow through on their promises."

The throne speech also mentioned the ongoing concern many have with missing and murdered indigenous women.

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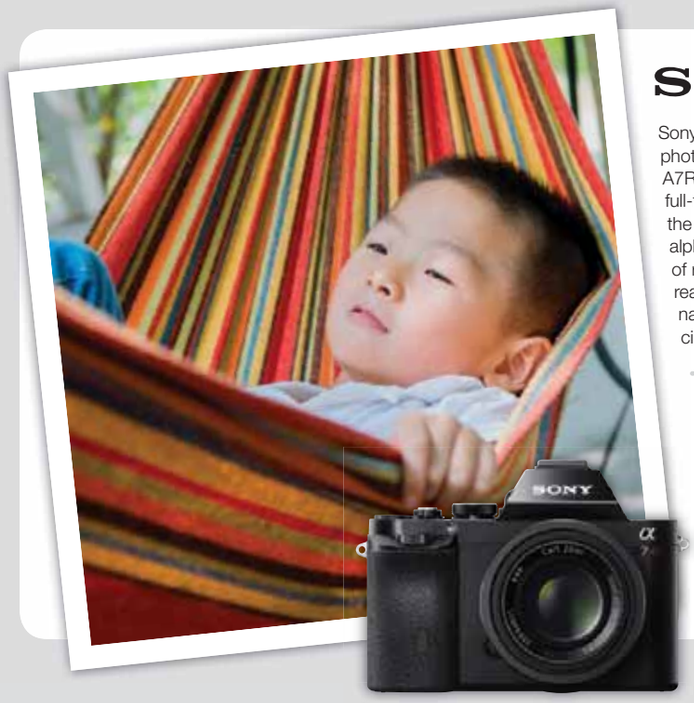

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New donations ban will hurt all parties

POLITICS

Metro runs the numbers, finds PCs will be hit hardest

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

The NDP's sweeping new ban on union and corporate donations to political parties will hurt all the parties, including the NDP.

But, as Metro research shows, the Progressive Conservatives will be hit the hardest.

Metro took the publicly available donor list from the first quarter of this year, the most recent numbers available, and broke down how much each party stands to lose.

Progressive Conservatives
Total raised: $825,318.25
Total raised that would now be banned: $620,276.56
Largest now banned donor – Insurance Bureau of Canada: $13,500

New Democratic Party
Total raised: $406,883.36
Total raised that would now be banned: $53,464.37
Largest now banned donor – Canadian Union of Public employees: $15,000

Wildrose
Total raised: $355,091.61
Total raised that would now be banned: $1,000
Largest now banned donor – Gordan Buchannan Enterprises and TMS Trucking: $500 each

Alberta Party
Total raised: $109,272.59
Total raised that would now be banned: $34,525
Largest now banned donor — Kornelson Holdings Ltd.: $15,000

Interim PC Leader Ric McIver said banning corporate donations will "tilt the political scale" toward the NDP and suggested businesses would still find less transparent avenues to funnel cash to political parties. METRO FILE

Alberta Liberals
Total raised: $110,764.52
Total raised that would now be banned: $6,450
Largest now banned donor — Empress Group Ltd.: $5,000

CITY

Advocates on council applaud NDP's Bill 1

Robson Fletcher
Metro | Calgary

Calgary city councillors who have advocated for stricter controls on campaign financing at the municipal level applauded the NDP government's plan to ban corporate and union donations at the provincial level Monday.

"That's leadership," Coun. Druh Farrell said of the proposed Bill 1, dubbed "An Act to Renew Democracy in Alberta" and set to be the first piece of legislation introduced by the new government.

Farrell, herself, tried last year to push stricter rules limiting campaign spending in Calgary's municipal elections, which would have brought the city's relatively lax laws more in line with the types of regulations that exist in most Canadian municipalities.

Calgary can't currently change its own campaign-finance laws and Farrell's motion would have simply called on the Alberta government to review the rules for municipal elections.

But that idea was defeated by an 8-6 vote at council.

In voting against it, Coun. Sean Chu said new candidates in municipal campaigns need to have deep pockets in order to challenge incumbents, who have the advantage of name recognition.

"We all know it's extremely difficult and hard to knock out an incumbent without sufficient finance," Chu said at the time.

Coun. Brian Pincott said Monday the province's move won't affect Calgary directly but the city still "desperately needs" campaign-finance reform.

Currently, he noted, any individual or company can donate $5,000 do any council candidate each year and there's no cap on how much a candidate can amass or spend on a campaign.

"It's the Wild West when it comes to campaign funding and campaign spending." Pincott said, adding he'd like to see a hard limit on campaign spending.

"Then you actually make the campaign-donation issue kind of null and void," he said.

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Naked Canucks come home

MALAYSIA

Saskatchewan siblings plead guilty to public indecency

Two Canadians who were detained in Malaysia for posing naked with other hikers on the country's highest peak have reportedly returned home.

Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey Petersen and Danielle Petersen had been sentenced to three days in jail and fined for obscene behaviour in a public place.

They were among 10 foreigners who stripped naked and took photos on Malaysia's Mount Kinabalu on May 30.

A local official has said their behaviour was disrespectful to the mountain, which is believed to be sacred, and caused an earthquake on June 5 that killed 18 climbers.

Their Malaysian lawyer has said they pleaded guilty in a local court to a charge of public indecency.

Lawyer Ronny Cham confirmed the Petersens left the country on Saturday, and media outlets in Regina said the pair were believed to have arrived back home Sunday.

Lindsey Petersen, an engineering graduate from the University of Regina, had detailed his travels throughout Asia over the last seven months on Facebook. When his sister joined him in Bali, Indonesia, in April, he referred to them as the "dynamic duo."

Canadian Danielle Petersen, 22, right, and Eleanor Hawkins, 24, of Britain, are escorted by police as they leave court in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, on June 12. Saskatchewan siblings Lindsey and Danielle Petersen have reportedly returned home. THE CANADIAN PRESS

APOLOGY

British student Eleanor Hawkins issued a public apology to the people of Malaysia after returning home to England over the weekend.

She said on Sunday that she knows her actions were wrong.

"I know my behaviour was foolish and I know how much offence we all caused to the local people of Sabah. For that, I am truly sorry," she said.

The story of their detention in Malaysia made headlines around the world and sparked a discussion on respect for cultural beliefs.

The other two westerners detained in the case were Dutch citizen Dylan Snel and British student Eleanor Hawkins.

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TORONTO

Officials seize meat at airport

The Canadian Border Services Agency says 27 kilograms of undeclared raw meat have been seized at Toronto's Pearson International Airport.

The agency says they were first alerted to the cache when a detector dog smelled something unusual at a baggage carousel last Tuesday.

When the luggage was brought into a secondary inspection area, border officers found a selection of products including partly frozen beef cuts, whole goose and smaller avian birds.

A traveller from Egypt was counselled about the requirement to declare all food, plant, animals and related products.

The meat was seized and destroyed. The border agency says many travellers are unaware that undeclared meat, animal hides, live birds, plants and fruit may damage Canada's food supply, economy, environment and pose a risk to human health.

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ADVERTISING

Watchdog warns of web tracking

The federal privacy watchdog warns that searching online for information about pregnancy tests, liposuction or a divorce lawyer can prompt related ads to pop up on your computer screen.

Privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien says new research released by his office reveals a small but troubling number of cases in which major websites used such sensitive information to target Internet users without appropriate consent.

Many websites track a user's online activities with the aim of delivering ads aligned to their interests.

Four years ago the commissioner's office issued guidance to advertisers, advising them to avoid collecting sensitive personal information, such as health-related details, in order to deliver their ads.

The commissioner says targeted ads appeared on just over half of the websites the researchers examined, and most advertising organizations provided some form of notification to users as well as an ability to opt out of such ads.

However, a small number of targeted ads related to sensitive topics appeared without explicit consent from the user.

In addition, there were ads related to non-sensitive topics — such as European travel or digital cameras — without notification or the possibility to opt out of seeing them.

In many cases the procedures for opting out were overly complicated.

"While we found many examples of good privacy practices related to online behavioural advertising, it's clear the industry still has some work to do," said Therrien.

> **It's clear the industry still has some work to do.**
> Daniel Therrien

"Some people like online behavioural advertising because the ads they see are more relevant to their interests. However, others do not like to be tracked and targeted in this way and the opt-out procedures for them need to be clear, consistent, and usable."

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IN BRIEF

Case dismissed against woman charged in death of lobster fisherman

A judge has dismissed the one criminal charge against the owner of a Cape Breton fishing boat at the centre of what one lawyer has described as a case of "murder for lobster."

Carla Samson, of D'Ecousse, N.S., had been charged with being an accessory after the fact amid criminal allegations that surfaced following the disappearance of Phillip Boudreau. So far, those allegations have resulted in manslaughter convictions against two of the three lobster fishermen aboard the vessel Twin Maggies on June 1, 2013 — the last day Boudreau was seen alive.

Samson wasn't aboard the fishing boat that day when it rammed Boudreau's much smaller speedboat, tossing him into the water off southern Cape Breton. However, as the owner of the Twin Maggies and the wife of its captain, she was implicated in the crime.

Defence lawyer Nash Brogran asked MacDonald to dismiss the case and the judge agreed.

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Bono signs a fan's photo as he leaves Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Monday. JUSTIN TANG /THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bono lobbies in Ottawa

SOCIAL ACTIVISM

Rock star visits Parliament Hill in support of foreign aid

U2 frontman Bono kept a low profile in Ottawa on Monday, avoiding photo ops or major announcements in favour of private chats with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his Liberal and NDP rivals.

The Irish rock star's visit sparked another round in the political debate over the Conservative government's development policy, which has focused on maternal and child health, while freezing overall development spending.

Bono remained above the fray, striking an upbeat note as he arrived on Parliament Hill repeating his mantra of "the world needs more Canada."

"Development assistance, or foreign aid as you call it here, is a really good way of showing who you are to the rest of the world," said Bono.

Fresh from a show in Montreal, Bono first went to the National Arts Centre near Parliament Hill to discuss foreign aid with several non-governmental organizations.

> **The world needs more Canada.**
> Bono, U2 frontman

He is the co-founder of the international organization, ONE, which aims to eradicate extreme poverty and preventable diseases in places such as a Africa.

"It's my hope that Bono's visit will boost Canadian awareness and engagement on international development priorities," said Michael Messenger, president of World Vision Canada, who was at the NAC meeting.

Bono met Harper to talk about maternal and child health projects in Africa and elsewhere. The Prime Minister's Office said the rocker-activist requested the meeting. Bono also met NDP Leader Tom Mulcair and Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau.

Harper has committed $3.5 billion over five years toward the maternal and child health cause, his signature foreign-aid initiative aimed at reducing deaths among newborns and their mothers in the developing world.

But the NDP criticizes Canada's overall aid spending, which has fallen to 0.24 per cent of GDP, well below the 0.7 per cent target set by the United Nations.

The Harper government froze aid spending five years ago and the most recent budget did not reverse that trend.

NDP foreign affairs critic Paul Dewar said Bono's meeting with his party was positive and focused on the party's development goals, which include a commitment to the 0.7 per cent target.

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HEALTH CARE

Election may decide refugee health care

The question of whether the federal government is obliged to pay all health care costs for anyone who seeks asylum in Canada is unlikely to be answered before this fall's federal election.

The Conservative government is currently appealing a Federal Court ruling that found the changes they made to the health care system for refugee claimants unconstitutional. Lawyers for refugee claimants said the case is not scheduled to be heard until after the Oct. 19 vote.

In the meantime the government has been forced to reinstate some of the benefits in order to comply with the court ruling. But doctors and refugee advocates taking part in a cross-Canada protest Monday said the current system still doesn't meet the requirements laid out by the Federal Court last year.

The changes weren't reversed for all refugee claimants, only children and pregnant women, they said. The results of a confusing system, not even providers are certain what's covered.

"The zeal in which this government is attacking refugees is not only shameful, but it is illogical," said Dr. Doug Gruner, a spokesperson for Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care. "It is a policy and position borne out of ignorance and arrogance."

Prior to 2012, anyone awaiting a refugee status decision had their health care costs — including dental, eye care and medications — paid for by the federal government until their application was decided and provincial health coverage kicked in.

But in June that year, the Conservative government drastically scaled back the available coverage. Both the New Democrats and Liberals say if they form government in October, they would drop the appeal and reinstate the program to its pre-2012 structure. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NAACP leader quits after parents reveal she's white

RACE

Old photos show her as a pale child with blond hair

The president of a city chapter of a major U.S. group advocating for the rights of African Americans resigned Monday amid a furor over racial identity that erupted when her parents came forward to say she has been posing as black for years when she is actually white.

The announcement was posted on the civil rights organization's Facebook page. It said the attention surrounding Rachel Dolezal has distracted from the group's goals.

"The dialogue has unexpectedly shifted internationally to my personal identity in the context of defining race and ethnicity," according to a statement attributed to Dolezal, a longtime figure in the civil rights community of Spokane, Ore., who was elected to the NAACP post six months ago.

"I am consistently committed to empowering marginalized voices and believe that many individuals have been heard in the last hours and days that would not otherwise have had a platform to weigh in on this important discussion.''

Meanwhile, Spokane is investigating whether she lied about her ethnicity when she landed an appointment to the city's police oversight board. On her application, she said her ethnic origins included white, black and American Indian.

Dolezal, a 37-year-old woman with a light brown complexion and dark curly hair, attended historically black Howard University, teaches African studies at a local university and was married to a black man. For years, she has publicly complained of being the victim of racial harassment in the heavily white region.

The uproar over racial authenticity and professional honesty unfolded last week after Dolezal's parents told the media their daughter is white with a trace of Native American heritage. They produced photos of her as girl with a pale complexion and straight blond hair.

Her mother, Ruthanne Dolezal of Troy, Mont., told reporters she has had no contact with her daughter in years. She said Rachel began to "disguise herself'' after her parents adopted four African-American children more than a decade ago.

Rachel Dolezal initially dismissed the controversy, saying it arose from litigation between other relatives who have divided the family. She has not returned repeated calls from The Associated Press.

Late last week, the national NAACP stood by her, saying "one's racial identity is not a qualifying criteria or disqualifying standard for NAACP leadership.'' But she had come under increasing pressure from local chapter members to resign.

Kitara Johnson, an NAACP member in Spokane who has been calling on Dolezal to step down, welcomed the resignation.

"That's the best thing that can happen right now,'' Johnson said. "We are going to stand in unity and solidarity.''

Johnson said that the most important thing is to focus on the work of the NAACP, but that she hopes Dolezal remains a member of the organization.

Cornell William Brooks, national president of the NAACP, declined to comment on the resignation.

Dolezal's parents appeared on the Today show Monday and said they hoped to reconcile with their daughter.

"We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues. Of course, we love her,'' Ruthanne Dolezal said.

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Rachel Dolezal, president of the Spokane NAACP chapter, resigned Monday after her parents said she has been posing as black for years. COLIN MULVANY/THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

> **We hope that Rachel will get the help that she needs to deal with her identity issues.**
> Ruthanne Dolezal, mother of Rachel Dolezal

BACKGROUND

On Friday, police said they were suspending investigations into racial harassment complaints filed by Rachel Dolezal, including one from earlier this year in which she said she received hate mail at her office.

Police said that one hate mail package did not bear a date stamp or barcode, meaning it was probably not handled through the post office.

ISIL

Kurds capture key town

U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters captured large sections of a strategic town on the Syria-Turkish border on Monday, dealing the biggest setback yet to the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which lost a key supply line for their nearby self-proclaimed capital.

The seizure of Tal Abyad threatened to inflame tensions between Kurds and ethnic Arabs, who accused the Kurdish militia of deliberately displacing thousands of people from the town, which has a mixed population.

Redur Khalil, a spokesman for the main Kurdish fighting force, known as the YPG, said Kurdish fighters entered from the east and were advancing west toward the town's centre amid fierce clashes with pockets of ISIL resistance.

"We expect to have full control over Tal Abyad within a few hours,'' he told The Associated Press by telephone. A few hours later, the YPG announced on its Facebook page that it had liberated the town.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights confirmed the Kurdish fighters had "almost full control'' of Tal Abyad by Monday evening, and had taken command of the border crossing with Turkey.

It said some 40 ISIL militants were targeted by U.S.-led airstrikes as they tried to flee south.

The loss of Tal Abyad, approximately 80 kilometres north of Raqqa, the capital of ISIL's self-declared caliphate, is the extremists' biggest setback since Kurdish fighters took control of the Kurdish border town of Kobani near Turkey, after fighting ISIL for several months.

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MARRIAGE

Iran launches first matchmaking site

Iran launched its first official matchmaking website on Monday in a bid to encourage millions of singles to marry, officials said, insisting it is not a dating service.

"We have high demand for marriage and 11 million bachelors who are increasing every day," Deputy Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mahmoud Golzari said. "This is a significant issue for the ruling system,'' he added.

The website, Hamsan.Tebyan.net, allows singles to post their profiles and specify what they are looking for in a potential spouse. A board of mediators matches applicants after reviewing their age, education, wealth and family background.

Iran, with a population of 80 million, has begun encouraging young people to marry and have more children. The government fears that an aging population could one day overwhelm its social programs.

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IN BRIEF

Oil tanker believed hijacked by pirates

A Malaysian oil tanker that went missing last week carrying fuel worth $5.6 million and 22 crew members is believed to have been hijacked by pirates, marine police said Monday. MT Orkim Harmony was loaded with gasoline belonging to national oil company Petronas. Another Malaysian tanker hijacked June 4 in the same area was released after its fuel was siphoned off.

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COURT RULING

Sudanese president al-Bashir flees arrest for war crimes

Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir arrived in Khartoum on Monday to cheers of supporters after leaving South Africa, where a court had ordered his arrest based on an international warrant for war crimes charges.

Al-Bashir raised a stick in the air as he stepped out of the plane, waving to a few hundred supporters who greeted him at the airport. Some chanted "God is Great" while others cried with joy.

A South African court ruled that al-Bashir, who was attending an African Union summit, should be arrested. The ruling came after he left.

Al-Bashir, in office since a 1989 military coup, is wanted by the International Criminal Court on war crimes allegations linked to the conflict in Sudan's Darfur region.

In Geneva, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the International Criminal Court's authority must be respected.

However, a Pretoria court's ruling that al-Bashir should be arrested came after he had left the country and in defiance of an earlier court order that he should remain in the country while judges deliberated.

The charges against al-Bashir stem from reported atrocities in the conflict in Darfur in which 300,000 people were killed and two million displaced in the government's campaign, according to UN figures. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nepal reopens damaged heritage sites to tourists

BHAKTAPUR

UNESCO raises concerns as country tries to renew industry

Nepal on Monday reopened most of the cultural heritage sites that were damaged in a pair of devastating earthquakes, hoping to entice back foreign tourists.

The April 25 and May 12 quakes killed more than 8,700 people and damaged hundreds of thousands of buildings in Nepal, including old temples, palaces and other historical structures that are popular with tourists.

Six of the seven UNESCO World Heritage sites that closed after the quakes were reopened Monday, Tourism Minister Kripasur Sherpa said.

"We are urging people to come to Nepal for holiday to help Nepal rebuild," Sherpa said in Bhaktapur, a city outside of Kathmandu filled with ancient temples, and which is among the reopened heritage sites.

A tourist photographs a damaged building near Basantapur Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal on Monday. NIRANJAN SHRESTHA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The sites were closed due to the damage from the quakes, but also over concerns about the safety of tourists.

Bhesh Narayan Dahal, chief of Nepal's Department of Archaeology, said that measures have been taken to ensure that tourists are safe, and that there are plans to provide safety helmets for visitors in some places.

Some 741 heritage structures were damaged in the quakes, and it will take at least $18 million to rebuild and restore them, Dahal said.

Nepal is hosting an international donors' meeting next week in Kathmandu, the capital, to seek money to help rebuild the Himalayan country following the quakes.

About 800,000 foreign tourists visit Nepal every year and the government is worried that a fear of earthquakes will stop many from visiting.

UNESCO, the United Nations' cultural heritage organization, had raised concerns last week about the reopening of the heritage sites, urging tourists to be extra cautious and reconsider visiting them.

The agency also asked the government to restrict tourists' access to locations where structures had collapsed and that were still considered unsafe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TBILISI, GEORGIA

People, zoo animals still missing after flood

Workers and volunteers laboured Monday in a flood-ravaged area of the Georgian capital of Tbilisi to help victims while nervously watching for traces of dangerous animals that may have escaped the city zoo when it was inundated by the surging waters. Officials in the ex-Soviet republic said 14 people were confirmed dead.

Ten people were thought to be missing after an intense downpour and high winds on Sunday turned a stream that runs through a section of Tbilisi into a sweeping torrent that destroyed houses, tore up roads and tossed vehicles into heaps of uprooted trees and rubbish.

The devastated zoo was still trying to determine what had happened to four lions, three tigers and one jaguar whose enclosures were flooded, zoo spokeswoman Khatia Basilashvili said.

It was unclear how many more animals would be found dead once the waters receded and the cleanup was completed at the zoo, or how many were still wandering the hills around Tbilisi.

The government declared Monday a day off from work and school while the search for the missing and the cleanup work went ahead in Tbilisi, a city of 1.1 million people. The government has urged residents to avoid going near the zoo.

None of the people who died were killed by the zoo animals that got loose, Tbilisi Zoo Director Zurab Gurielidze said. Three zoo employees were among those who drowned.

One of the potentially most dangerous animals to escape, a hippopotamus, was tranquilized and returned to the zoo on Sunday.

A young white lion named Shumba, one of the zoo's most beloved attractions, was found shot in the head on zoo territory on Sunday, the zoo director said.

He demanded an investigation into the shootings of zoo animals.

"If a predator attacked a person, then it's understandable, but there are cases that need looking into," Gurielidze said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Kaufhof purchase only the beginning

HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Deal to buy into European market years in the making

Hudson's Bay Company is still shopping for acquisitions in Europe, even as it announced Monday it is buying a chain of German department stores in a deal worth $3.3 billion.

"Having surveyed the European marketplace for many years, this transaction was a long time in the making," said Richard Baker, HBC governor and executive chairman, in a conference call with analysts Monday morning.

He called the newly purchased Kaufhof chain of department stores, operating in Germany and Belgium, "an ideal platform for HBC's entrance into Europe, (providing) a base from which we can continue to grow in the future."

Kaufhof has 103 Galeria Kaufhof locations and 16 Sportarena stores. Kaufhof also operates Belgium's only department store with 16 Galeria INNO locations across the country. The parent company is Metro AG.

The deal is expected to close by the end of the third fiscal quarter. The purchase will be financed by the sale of at least 40 of Kaufhof's owned or partially owned properties to Simon Property Group, a joint venture between HBC and U.S-based Simon Property Group.

Chief executive officer Jerry Storch said HBC will be bringing Saks Fifth Avenue and Saks Off Fifth to Germany and Belgium, primarily within existing real estate.

"Saks Fifth Avenue is a global luxury brand with international recognition and we believe that there is untapped potential for upscale luxury retail in Germany," said Storch.

He said Canadian consumers will benefit from having European brands made available to them in Canada.

When the deal closes, HBC will have 464 locations in four countries under eight different banners, including Lord & Taylor and Saks Fifth Avenue. The company estimates its eight main banners will generate about $13 billion annually.

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The deal between Hudson's Bay Company and German retailer Metro AG for its department stores is worth $3.3 billion. Once the deal is final, HBC will gain ownership of Galeria Kaufhof and Galeria Inno. MARTIN MEISSNER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

GM ignition switch death total increases to 114

The death toll from faulty ignition switches in General Motors small cars has risen by three to 114. GM recalled 2.6 million cars last year, but admitted it knew about the switch problems for over a decade. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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REAL ESTATE

Housing market hits five-year high

Home sales accelerated in May to their highest level in more than five years, as some home buyers looked to preempt an increase in mortgage insurance premiums.

The Canadian Real Estate Association said Monday sales last month through its MLS system were up 3.1 per cent from April, marking the fourth consecutive month-over-month increase.

Sales in the Toronto area grew by 4.1 per cent in May compared with the previous month, while sales in Calgary climbed 6.7 per cent and Ottawa gained 6.2 per cent.

CREA president Pauline Aunger says news that CMHC will be increasing mortgage default insurance premiums for home buyers with less than a 10 per cent down payment effective June 1 could have impacted home sales.

"Some buyers may have jumped off the fence and purchased in May to beat the increase," Aunger said in a statement.

CREA anticipates that national home sales will climb to 487,200 units this year, 1.3 per cent higher than last year.

TD Bank economist Leslie Preston said a recent rise in government bond yields could push mortgage rates higher this year, dampening demand for real estate across the country.

Preston anticipates that house price gains will slow next year to around two to three per cent.

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the big question

When will Lac-Mégantic victims get paid?

Canadian Pacific Railway took heat Monday for making victims and creditors wait even longer for a $431.5-million settlement related to the deadly 2013 rail accident. Of the 25 companies being sued, CP was the only one to balk at paying into a compensation fund, saying the case should be federal. CP denies any responsibility, because at the time of the disaster the train had been ceded to MM&A and was neither operated by CP employees nor travelling on CP tracks. SOURCE: THE CANADIAN PRESS

Welcome to Calgary's cycling revolution

YOUR RIDE

Robson Fletcher

It's too early to say for sure, but there's a growing body of evidence to suggest Calgary may be in the midst of a cycling revolution.

Dribs and drabs of fresh data continue to flow in, painting the outline of a picture that appears quite different from the last comprehensive study of Calgarians' travel preferences in 2011.

That study, based on a survey of some 9,000 households in the city, asked families to log their travel behaviour over a 24-hour period. It placed cycling squarely in the margins.

Overall, bikes were used for a mere one per cent of Calgarians' total trips in 2011, a number unchanged from the 2001 survey.

Cars accounted for 78.9 per cent of total trips, up from 77.5 per cent a decade earlier.

Cycling did see some growth as a choice for downtown commuters in the 2011 survey (up to 4.0 per cent from 2.5 per cent), but it also nearly evaporated among kids as a way to get to school (down from a tiny 1.8 per cent to an infinitesimal 0.6 per cent).

The data in that comprehensive survey is valuable, but it's now four years old. A similar survey is underway, but the results won't be available for some time.

In the meantime, there are other tidbits of empirical evidence which, taken together, suggest cycling is on the rise — substantially, in fact.

First and foremost are bike counts. From May 1 to June 15, the automated counting machine embedded beneath the concrete at the south end of Peace Bridge has recorded 85,813 bike trips. That's up 41 per cent from the same period last year.

This is, of course, just over a year's worth of data from a single location, but with automated counters set to be installed along each leg of the cycle-track network, we should have a more complete picture by this time in 2016.

We have other indicators. Bike thefts are up an incredible 119 per cent so far in 2015 compared to the previous five-year average.

While a number of factors are at play in that huge jump, Sgt. Katrina O'Reilly said people riding bikes more often means more bikes are likely to be stolen.

"There's no doubt in my mind that there's some correlation there," she said. "We have more bike commuters and people on bikes than we've had in the past."

In terms of retail bike sales, Sean Carter of BikeBike said numbers tend to fluctuate widely from month to month, but overall he's seen business "growing like crazy for the last five years now."

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Some of it he attributes to the recent publicity surrounding cycling.

"I do think the conversation about cycle tracks — good and bad — has been elevated to something that's mainstream news in this city," Carter said. "So I think there are more and more people who are aware of the topic and thinking, 'Well, maybe I should give it a shot.'"

Of course, this remains preliminary. Time — and lots more data — will tell if we actually are seeing a trend, and if so, whether it lasts.

Robson Fletcher covers municipal affairs for Metro Calgary and regularly drives, bikes, and walks in the city.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

"The progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding."

Millennials think we're the most progressive generation, with our casual sex and entrepreneurship, our non-religiousness and fluid gender.

But then, according to endless Facebook wedding shots, we go ahead and get married anyway — that most old-fashioned of things.

Weddings are so hot right now, despite the fact that marriage has been roundly criticized as a form of state control, as a form of patriarchy, as an unrealistic ideal of monogamy or as plain unnecessary. It doesn't sound like an institution for the independent Millennial, but according to Wedding Bells magazine, there were about 162,000 weddings in 2014 (compared to 148,000 in 2008) and the average age of brides was 31.

My most radical feminist friend says she'll be hitched within the year. I, too, want to get married. As I see it, we justify this in two ways.

First, the progressive wedding does its best not to be a wedding. We elope, or hold a ceremony in the woods using our BFF as justice of the peace (certified online). We trick our guests into surprise nuptials at a restaurant or we throw pop-up weddings on the cheap (now trending in Vancouver). With every bride not in white and every groom taking his wife's name, we personalize weddings away from tradition. It's more a life-commitment ceremony. A love-validation declaration.

Second, we believe we really will be together, as equals, forever. I take my parents as a model: a quirky, adorable pair, rarely apart for more than an afternoon, happily low-key about happily ever after. That, I assume, is what awaits me: devotion, despite challenges, to being a team.

Preoccupied with being real about love, we take the self-help philosophy that we can create a winning marriage. We will choose well, we tell ourselves, after exhaustive dating and solemn reflection on what we're looking for. We will talk it out and we will test it out during a few years of living together.

Despite a divorce rate long hovering around 40 per cent, and the fact that, statistically, our mid-40s will be our divorce years, we hold onto a sort of future nostalgia, a Humans of New York-style image of our two wrinkled faces, captioned: "Still best friends."

I hope (irrationally) that will be the fate of all my friends, and my fate, too.

But it's time to accept, despite New-Age tweaks, how truly old-school you are on your wedding day.

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GAME OF THRONES

Warning: Here be spoilers for the HBO series' Season 5 finale

Brian Gasparek
For Metro

Did your favourite Westeros inhabitant survive the season-ending episode? CONTRIBUTED

On Sunday night, HBO brought us another epic Game of Thrones season finale. In typical Westeros fashion, the final episode of Season 5 was a jaw-dropping, bloody affair that shocked us, confused us and violently tugged at our heartstrings (say it ain't so, Jon!).

While the episode left us emotionally rattled, it also spurred a handful of mortal cliffhangers for us to mull over until next spring. Which of our most beloved and hated characters are actually dead?

Here's a recap of who's dead, who could be dead and who deserves to be dead after the Season 5 finale. And yes, this is completely full of spoilers. So stop reading if you haven't watched it yet!

Jon Snow

Jon Snow's fate in the season finale was a complete shiv to the heart for viewers … no pun intended. Sadly one of our most beloved characters from the beginning of the series is indeed dead thanks to an act of mutiny by his peers who branded him a traitor. As much as we all want to see Jon rise from that blood puddle in Season 6, actor Kit Harington just confirmed in an interview with EW that he would not be returning to the show next season. Just like in the books, Jon Snow seems to be dead for good. His shocking death has already prompted masses of fans on social media to declare that they won't be tuning in next season. Let's hope for a ghost cameo down the line.

Stannis Baratheon

In Stannis Baratheon's last scene of the season, we were potentially spared some serious gore. When we last saw mean old Stannis, he was severely injured and about to be decapitated by Brienne of Tarth after she sentenced him to death for his crimes. Right as her sword came down, the scene jump-cut to a shot of Ramsay killing in battle. So does that mean the last remaining Baratheon brother is dead? It sure looked like it with the force of that blade coming down on his neck. And we should all hope so. None of us would be sad to see that evil bugger go, right?

> **We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones.**

Sansa Stark and Theon 'Reek' Greyjoy

After Theon snapped and shoved the evil Myranda to her death off the tower in Winterfell, the last we saw of Reek and his pseudo-sister Sansa was the pair holding hands while hurling themselves off the building to escape from scummy Ramsay and his men. The fate that awaits these two in Season 6 is anyone's guess. Could they both have somehow survived the fall? Could Theon have redeemed himself by taking his own life to break Sansa's fall? Game of Thrones is heartless after all and they both could very well be dead. But we all want to see Sansa live to find vindication against Ramsay, don't we?

Myrcella Baratheon

We've learned that loving moments don't last too long in Game of Thrones. After a tender moment at sea with her real father Jaime Lannister, we saw Myrcella start bleeding profusely from her nose. We then found out that she was poisoned with killer lipstick. Remember that awkward long kiss she received from Ellaria Sand earlier in the episode? After witnessing a pleased Ellaria wiping her lips and taking an antidote in the next scene, we can assume that Jaime's 15-year-old daughter is indeed dead, and that Sand has gotten her revenge. Pretty harsh.

Arya Stark

Arya's final scene in Season 5 featured the young Stark warrior getting punished for killing the evil Meryn Trant by Jaqen. With her final words of 2015, Arya screams that she has gone blind after witnessing her face appear on Jaqen's body in front of her. Could Arya Stark be dead? Not a chance. If the show took Jon Snow from us, we're counting on the youngest Stark to go the distance. We need you, Arya!

BEYOND ITUNES

10 things you need to know about Apple Music

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross

Two weeks from today, Apple will fire up Apple Music, its long-awaited, much-hyped next step beyond iTunes in Canada and 99 other countries. By integrating music sales, music streaming, real-time Internet radio, social media and direct artist-fan connections, Apple has signalled it wants to be a bigger player in music than it's ever been.

Much has been written about Apple Music since its official announcement earlier this month, but here are 10 things that you may have missed.

1 While there won't be a free tier, you can sample the service for free for 90 days. Studies show that the vast majority of people who convert to the paid version do make the decision within 70 days.

2 Apple will not be paying artists royalties during the 90-day free trials, which is not unprecedented. Remember the Columbia Record Club's 13-albums-for-a-penny offers? Record contracts specified that royalties were not paid on those loss-leader sales, either.

3 Today, Spotify is the biggest streaming music service with 20 million paid subscribers. But if Apple converts just three per cent of its 800 million iTunes account holders to Apple Music, they'll be bigger.

4 Apple Music will be preinstalled on all new iOS devices and will show up in the upcoming iOS 8.4 release, which means you can expect devices to urge users to sign up with just a click or two.

5 Apple's audio stream will be encoded at 256 kpbs. That's less than the best-available (320 kpbs) but chances are almost no one will know the difference.

6 While it's true that artists like the Beatles refuse to allow their music to stream, there's a workaround. Apple Music will search users' libraries for purchased and ripped music. If it finds Beatles music, it will fetch those songs from iTunes and make them available for you to stream.

7 Beats 1, the real-time radio station, apparently won't be format-specific. The promise is that the station will play great songs from all genres.

8 The fact that Beats 1 will be available in 100 countries is a music licensing achievement. Terrestrial stations that stream are often geo-blocked. (i.e. Lots of Canadian stations can't be heard in the U.S. and vice-versa.)

9 The standard cost will be 9.95 per month in the local currency, meaning we get off cheap, internationally speaking. The U.K. cost of £9.95 works out to more than $19 Cdn.

10 Remember: Streaming is for auditioning; purchasing is forever.

Kristen outed by own mom

KRISTEN STEWART

Mother confirms Twilight star is dating 'lovely girl'

Well, this isn't very parental. Kristen Stewart's mom, Jules Stewart, gave an interview to Britain's the Sunday Mirror flat-out confirming that the former Twilight star is dating her personal assistant, Alicia Cargile.

"What's not to be accepting about her now having a girlfriend? She's happy," Jules says. "She's my daughter, I'm just her mom so she knows I would accept her choices. I've met Kristen's new girlfriend, I like her. What's not to accept? She's a lovely girl."

Rumours had been swirling for months about Kristen and Cargile, but I guess swirling wasn't good enough for mom, so there you go. ALL STORIES NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLWOOD

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SMASH MOUTH

Ill-bread rant

Public service announcement: If you find yourself at a Smash Mouth concert in 2015, and you've brought along a loaf of bread to snack on, do not throw a piece of that bread at lead singer Steve Harwell. He really doesn't like that.

During the Taste of Fort Collins food and music fest in Colorado, fans started tossing slices of bread in the air. Some of it landed a bit too close to Harwell, who erupted in a long stream of profanities and threats we can't print here. The crowd booed and he huffed off stage.

Maybe he's gluten-free?

CHICKEN FLAP

Mila clucks out

It seems Mila Kunis's ex-friend Kristina Karo has, er, chickened out in going through with filing a $5,000 lawsuit against her, claiming Kunis stole her beloved chicken.

The "friend" claims Kunis kidnapped her pet chicken named Doggie 25 years ago, but tells TMZ that due to a recent revelation in therapy, she has decided not to press charges after all: "I've learned to forgive in my heart the people who have wronged me, like Mila," she tells them.

"There is only one judge and that is God. I pray for her soul and the soul of Doggie, that he has found peace finally in chicken heaven."

Good to know all chickens named Doggie go to heaven?

GOSSIP NOTES

Affleck, Garner crush split rumours

The epic saga of whether or not Jennifer Garner and Ben Affleck are splitting up marches onward. While various reports have the couple practically filing divorce papers — no really, any second now they're going to announce it — Affleck and Garner chose the revolutionary option of going to the farmer's market with their kids this weekend, like pretty much every other upper-middle-class family does on June weekends.

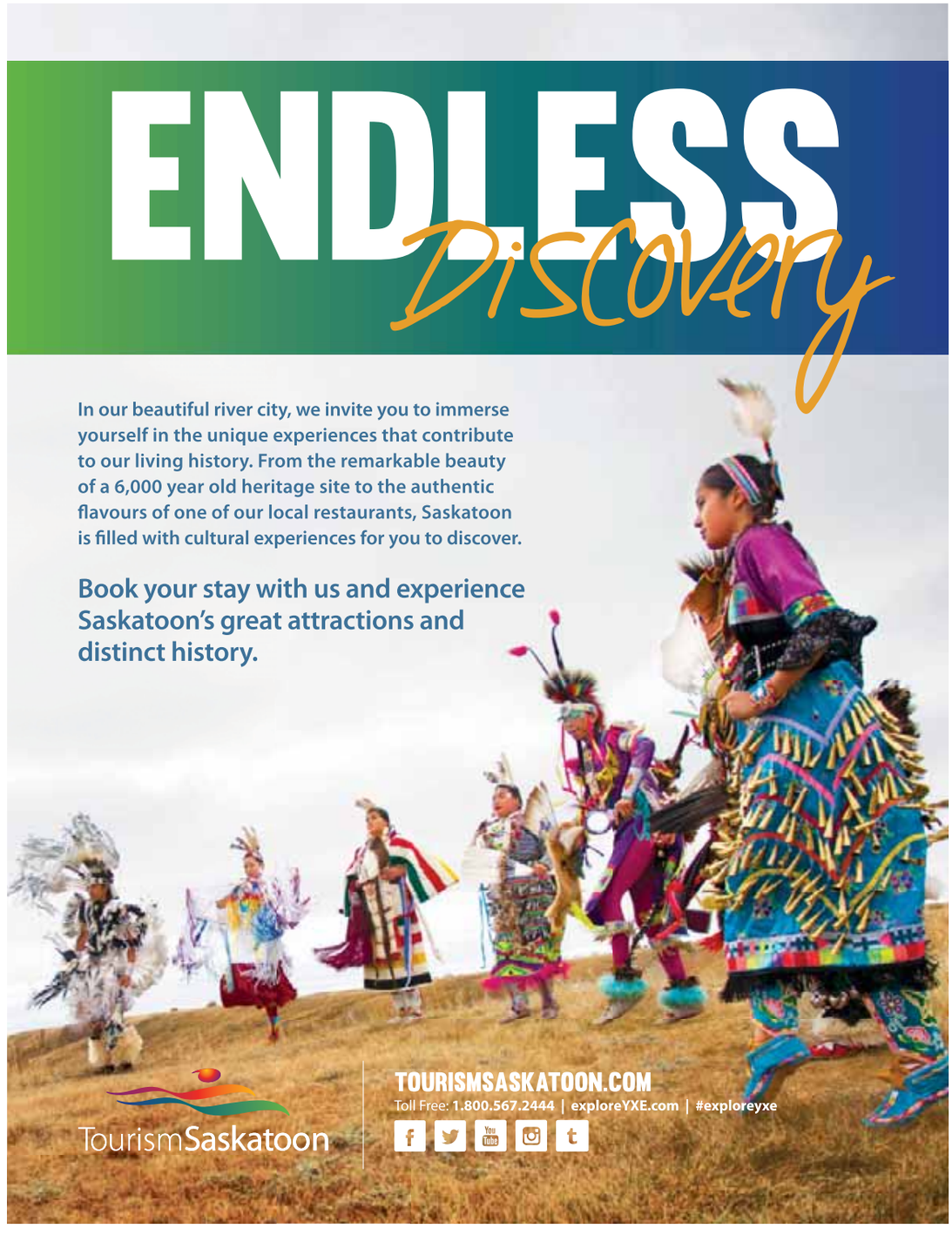
Radar Online quotes a source who is no doubt very close to both of those people in real life and not delusional at all as saying "their marriage has completely fallen apart."

Somehow, they were able to soldier on to the farmer's market, despite the secretly and invisibly shredded tatters of their marital bond (and having some very indiscreet friends and associates).

5 Seconds of Summer catches fire

Well, they certainly know how to bring the heat. 5 Seconds of Summer band member Michael Clifford's face caught on fire during a concert in London due to some pyrotechnics gone wrong.

Clifford was quickly taken to the hospital where he was treated and tweeted to fans, "What the f---s up. sorry I couldn't finish the encore but at least I look like two face, thanks for worrying." Luckily, he's making a full recovery and is continuing the tour.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Portraits of black dogs take off online

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Photographer counters bias against dogs with black fur

A springer spaniel named Aki poses pretty for her portrait. FRED LEVY VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

It was a summer day at the dog park when Fred Levy, a professional pet photographer, overheard a conversation that he couldn't shake off.

A woman was talking about "Black Dog Syndrome" — a theory that black dogs are less likely to be adopted than those with lighter coats, perhaps because of superstition or a notion that black dogs are aggressive. Experts debate whether it's a myth or reality, but it struck Levy.

That dog park visit was almost two years ago, but it inspired Levy to take on a project that's gained international attention. He calls it the Black Dogs Project, a photo series that features black dogs against black backdrops, aiming to capture their beauty and counter negative stereotypes.

Levy, 45, did it all in the basement studio of his Maynard home, where he lives with his wife, two young boys and a black-and-white rat terrier named Toby.

The photos struck a chord online and quickly went viral. The microblogging website Tumblr counted Levy's blog among its "most-viral" of 2014.

> **"I want people to make informed decisions on the best dog that will fit into their lifestyle. The fur shouldn't be the deciding factor.**
> Pet photographer Fred Levy

After adjusting to the sudden onslaught of attention, Levy decided to publish the work in a book, titled Black Dogs Project: Extraordinary Black Dogs and Why We Can't Forget Them, slated for release this September. Part of the proceeds will go to a rescue group for Labradors in San Diego.

In the book and on his blog, Levy includes stories about each dog to counter myths about black dogs.

Early on, the black dogs that Levy photographed came from owners he recruited through his Facebook page. Recently he also started working with abandoned dogs referred to him by shelters. After training his camera on them, he shares their photos online in search of a permanent home.

But his message to viewers isn't necessarily to adopt black dogs.

Mostly, he wants people to think beyond appearance when they're adopting pets.

"I want people to make informed decisions on the best dog that will fit into their lifestyle," he said. "The fur shouldn't be the deciding factor." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

The question
What are the rules about getting too close on public transit?

Dear Ellen,
I ride a crowded bus to work every morning and try not to crowd anyone, but often when I step back to make space for someone, they simply step forward and close the gap. Even on the days I score a seat, and then move away so as not to touch the person sitting next to me, they simply spread themselves out further and THEY KEEP TOUCHING ME. What can I do about this?
— Penny, Edmonton

Dear Penny,
Judging by your aversion to human contact, I fear you may have been raised in the same kind of uptight Anglo Saxon home I grew up in. A home where all emotion — from parental pride to abject disgust — was expressed with dripping sarcasm, and where physical contact was restricted to disapproving elbow jabs or affectionate shoulder punches.

Children from families like ours learned from an early age that any kind of non-consensual, non-romantic touching was best avoided altogether.

This kind of attitude does not fly on public transit. Admittedly, there are some gross, turf-hogging individuals who are oblivious to anyone else's personal space. These are the idiots who stick their grocery bags, knapsacks or (ugh) their bellies or backsides in your face while you're sitting on an aisle seat. Not acceptable, and you are certainly justified in politely asking them to back off.

But it sounds as if you are dealing with normal people who are comfortable with the urban jostle. It's actually a lot more normal than your own dysfunctional revulsion at contact with your co-Earthlings.

Unless of course they're perverts who are trying to grope you. In which case, you should both jab and punch, and — if you can get over your Anglo-Saxon reticence — scream bloody murder while you're at it.

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Navigating the world of summer internships can be tricky. There is a lot to think about when deciding whether to take on an internship during your summer break, but the main consideration for many post-secondary students is finances, says Tracey Lloyd, director of career and counselling services at Centennial College in Toronto.

"Only those who are financially able tend to participate in unpaid internship opportunities during the summer," Lloyd says. "The summer months are critical earning periods for most students."

With a preference toward paid opportunities, Lloyd says that in some creative sector programs, journalism for example, unpaid internships are common and can offer valuable learning experiences. But she warns that unpaid opportunities should be carefully researched.

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"Students can be taken advantage of, young people in particular," she says. "Look at the company's track record and examine whether it is a reputable company. Do they have a formal internship program with a formal training program and supervision provided for interns? Also, explore how meaningful and relevant the job duties are to your future career goals."

It's also important to keep in mind that unpaid internships are usually full time, Lloyd says, making it difficult to balance an internship with paid part-time work.

Once you have decided that an unpaid internship will be viable, you will have to put in some legwork. Finding an internship will involve reaching out to your network, speaking to teachers and other faculty members who may have connections in the industry in which you want to intern, and approaching companies that are of interest to you, especially those you may want to work for after graduation.

"Similar to when looking for a paid job, tell everyone you know," Lloyd says. "You never know who will provide a good lead for you."

Lastly, Lloyd suggests approaching the internship as if it was a paid opportunity.

"This is a chance to prove yourself, expand your network and make a great impression on the employer. Always do your best, work hard and don't burn any bridges."

– Izabela Szydlo

NETWORKING

Networking is an essential component of any internship. Here are some tips for networking like a pro from Tracey Lloyd, director of career and counselling services at Centennial College in Toronto.

- Prepare a clear, concise pitch to open the doors with a prospective employer or industry contacts.
- Attend trade shows and professional association networking events in your field.
- Be very clear about what you want and what you have to offer.

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Heading back to school was a difficult, but obvious decision for paralegal graduate Tyra S. As a single mother working two jobs, she barely had any time to spend with her daughter.

"There was no kind of job security there and no long-term benefits," Tyra says. "I wanted to prove something to her, that school is a good thing. I wanted be a role model, or more of one."

Inspired by the success of one of her good friends, who had recently graduated from Reeves College, Tyra decided to enrol in the paralegal program so she could better support her family. During her practicum placement, she worked alongside a review and assessment officer where she had to meticulously document and ensure all files were correctly organized and that paperwork was completed and submitted punctually and accurately. Her hard work and dedication soon paid off when she was hired by the firm at which she completed her practicum placement.

According to the Government of Canada, the "unemployment rate is relatively low in this field." With the job outlook projected to continually increase over the next few years, those passionate about pursuing a career in the legal industry should take advantage of this growth.

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"In partnership with Calgary Laboratory Services (CLS), this full-time program prepares graduates for work in hospitals, patient service centres, or clinical laboratories," says Julie Wright, campus co-ordinator, ABES.

The partnership with CLS for the MLA program means students have the opportunity to form a professional relationship with CLS, the largest employer for MLAs in the surrounding areas.

"Because of our close working relationship with CLS, graduates of this program are streamlined into the workforce, with 95 per cent of MLA graduates from ABES employed upon or before graduation," Wright says. "Although the majority of our grads work for CLS, our Calgary MLA program does not limit you to this company."

Students will learn medical terminology, the role of an MLA, how to draw blood safely, and much more.

The MLA program is a full-time program that is 19 weeks in length. The program consists of 14 weeks in class and lab and then five weeks of hands-on work in the field through the work experience portion of the program.

"ABES brings in CLS employees to provide training in technical areas while in your classroom portion of training," Wright says. "ABES' on-site lab uses all CLS equipment and trains students to CLS' standard operating procedures to help better prepare you for practicum and employment."

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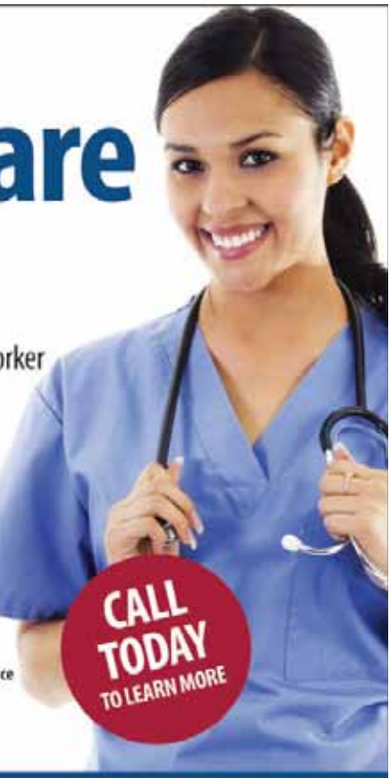

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"The program is an intensive two-year journey into the world of theatre," says Val Lieske, associate director, theatre.

This program focuses on instilling a working knowledge of the fundamentals required to make performance-based stories, as well as introducing students to the larger theatre community in Calgary and beyond.

"It is designed for anyone interested in pursuing a life in the arts," Lieske says. "People who want to integrate their faith into this art and their art into their faith — people who want to change culture by creating more of it."

Students cover topics such as acting, movement, Alexander technique, voice and speech, vocal production, technical theatre, collective creation, stage combat, script analysis, playwriting, ensemble creation, and full realized productions.

The diploma is designed to equip students to begin auditioning immediately in the acting world and is a great foundation to venture into other roles such as directing, stage management, playwright, and theatre design.

Applications for the September start date are still being accepted.

For more information about this new program or to apply, visit ambrose.edu/arts-science-programs/diploma-acting.

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Discovering what it means to become a professional massage therapist can be a rewarding journey.

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The NIWE massage therapy curriculum includes the study of anatomy, physiology, palpation, orthopedic assessment, neurophysiology, theory of massage techniques, hydrotherapy, communication skills, and business principles.

Summey says the career opportunities for a massage therapist are quite varied and virtually endless.

For those who choose to start their own business, he says the average massage therapist works 17 hours per week and earns $65 to $85 per hour.

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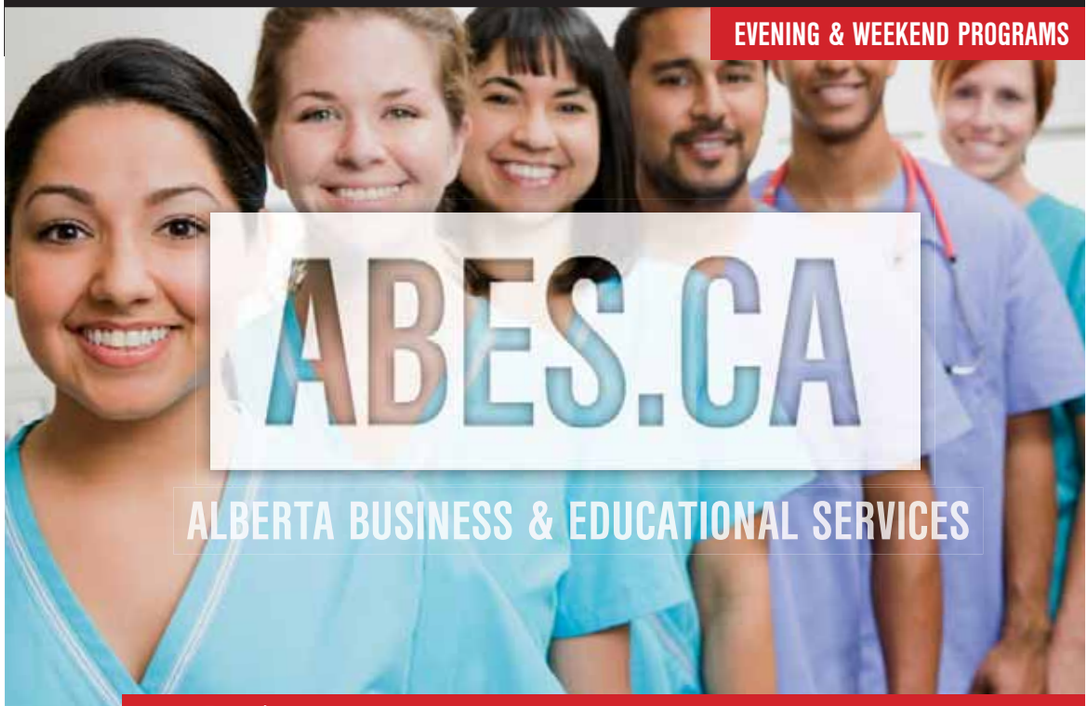

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Online also offers another avenue of learning. Not everyone has the opportunity to leave personal financial responsibilities to go back to school full time.

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Among the variety of the online programs offered, Robertson offers a wide section of business programs including business administration (BUSA). New for the June intake include the computer support technician (CST) program, and the network security technician (NST) program.

"These programs can open a wide variety of career opportunities," Blatz says.

CST graduates could be employed to work as a user support technician, technical help desk agent, help desk analyst, system support representative, help desk technician, computer help desk representative, installation technician, or PC support analyst.

Students will gain general knowledge of computer hardware, operating systems, software and network operation, and specific skills in troubleshooting, problem solving and customer service.

Graduates of NST could be employed as a computer network technician, network administrator, or systems administrator.

"Our online learning programs run in parity with our ground campus," Blatz says. "We offer a classroom environment, strong instructor support and career services upon completion of the program."

Robertson College is still accepting enrolment for the June 24 intake. For more information, call toll-free at 1-888-892-5262, or visit robertsoncollege.com.

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Gain an insight into health care

Throughout its history, ABM College has provided students with the most professional training, academic knowledge, and the right skill set to meet employment market demand.

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Health-care aide is one of ABM's most extensive, yet shortest programs.

This hands-on, five-month course provides students with the knowledge and skills it takes to respond to patients' emotional and physical needs.

"Our medical office assistant and unit clerk program is an accelerated platform that is scheduled to provide students with all of the tools necessary for an administrative position within medical offices and hospital settings," Baten says.

At ABM College, the pharmacy assistant program prepares students for a fulfilling career in retail and hospital pharmacies. The curriculum focuses on terminology, math, pharmacology, anatomy, and more.

Last, but not least, of the health-related programs is massage therapy. This program provides students with detailed knowledge of human body systems, and insight into various massage therapy techniques.

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Studying to become a health-care aide at Columbia College is no longer a full-time commitment.

Columbia College is now offering a new part-time option for the health-care aide program.

"People are more hesitant to commit to enrolment in a full-time program versus a part-time program," says Caron Pelletier, co-ordinator, health-care aide program. "The reason behind this hesitancy is related to the fact that if they chose a full-time program enrolment, they would have to quit working at their current job and this may pose a potential hazard if their spouse were to become suddenly unemployed, or if a student loan or other financial support aide is denied or not enough to sustain the student's living needs and or any dependents they may have."

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The new program will deliver the same curriculum as the current full-time program, but will take place on weekends (semester one).

Pelletier says this new unique delivery model will hopefully give students the flexibility and opportunity to continue working regular hours at their current places of employment, while also allowing them to strive towards their goal of reaching certification and gaining a valuable health-care profession.

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This online certificate program is designed for individuals who are interested in policing and/or other front-line occupations in the Canadian justice system.

"Many students are considering a career change to policing or another front-line law enforcement occupation such as Alberta sheriffs, Calgary Transit Police and Calgary bylaw," says Doug King, professor in the department of justice studies, MRU. "Other students are interested in getting an early start on courses that can be transferred into Mount Royal University's bachelor of arts criminal justice degree."

Finally, people take the courses to get a better understanding of how the Canadian criminal justice system works and the role that police play in Canadian society.

Students in the certificate program gain an understanding of how each part functions and how the different aspects of the justice system work together to address crime and social disorder in Canada.

While nearly all students complete all six police studies courses, it is possible to take one or more courses for interest only.

Because it is delivered entirely online, students can complete course material when it works best for them.

This program is designed so a student can complete all six courses within one year.

Graduates have gone on to a wide range of careers, with many becoming police officers across Canada, while others found work in law enforcement agencies such as Alberta sheriffs, Calgary bylaw and Calgary Transit Police.

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Going from a high school classroom of 25 students to a post-secondary lecture hall of 500 can be intimidating. As can the transition from regular homework assignments to a few heavily weighted projects and exams. But there are things students can do before they set foot on a post-secondary school campus to make the transition easier.

"Being willing to experience new things, to ask for help and to push themselves outside of their comfort zone are all part of the mindset that will be helpful to students moving into this new academic environment," says Teri Jones, co-ordinator, orientation and first-year experience at the University of Calgary.

Jones says doing research over the summer break is one way in which students can prepare for a transition that will see them having to adopt new study habits, meet new people and adapt to learning with higher expectations than at the high school level.

"See what summer programming is available through your institution," Jones says. "A lot of schools will offer summer orientation online or in person that will give you a taste of what to expect."

Summer orientation is a great precursor to the series of orientation events that take place on campus at the beginning of the school year. Not only does orientation assist with academic transition, it's also helpful for social and community aspects.

"Orientation is all about developing the campus community," Jones says. "You can meet senior students who have taken the classes you will be attending as well as students in your program. It also gives us an opportunity to let new students know what is available to them."

Academic or program advisers are among the most beneficial resources. Typically assigned to students, these faculty members will help guide students though their time at the institution by addressing concerns, helping them figure out how to manage their workload, and offering general tips for academic success.

"There are people and events on campus dedicated to supporting students," Jones says. "Look into workshops, check social media and be proactive about your transition."

– Izabela Szydlo

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CONTINUE YOUR DEVELOPMENT

With the desire to reconnect with people on a face-to-face level, former office administrator Nancy Ines decided to head back to school.

"I wanted to work in an industry that would open up more opportunities for continued development," Ines says.

So she enrolled at the Academy of Learning Career College in the insurance adviser diploma program.

"The insurance industry is very supportive of continued education and training," Ines says. "The way I look at it, if I'm not still challenging myself in five years I do not believe I will be content."

Ines recently completed this 23-week program and is set to begin her new job as a commercial and personal lines account executive at Koester Insurance Services.

She credits Academy of Learning's flexible scheduling and instructors for her success in the program and also plans on working towards her CIP designation.

"I would recommend this program for somebody who might want to change careers or work in an industry that supports their employees' development," Ines says. "Insurance is a huge industry, too, so there are many opportunities to grow."

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"The program will highlight automotive sales perception, psychology, integrity, as well as a thorough understanding of the complete sales process and, ultimately, the program will develop consistent best practices for selling competency in the market place."

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"The industry provides a full-time career with possible lucrative earnings and is somewhat recession free as vehicles are not a want, but an absolute need," Gourley says.

Over the past 22 years in the industry, Gourley has seen many changes.

"The differences in the automotive sales today versus the past is that dealers and sales representatives must be licensed and adhere to the guidelines and policies of a regulated governing provincial body," he says.

But he adds that good service is something that should always remain consistent.

The fall courses take place Sept. 21-25, and Nov. 19-24.

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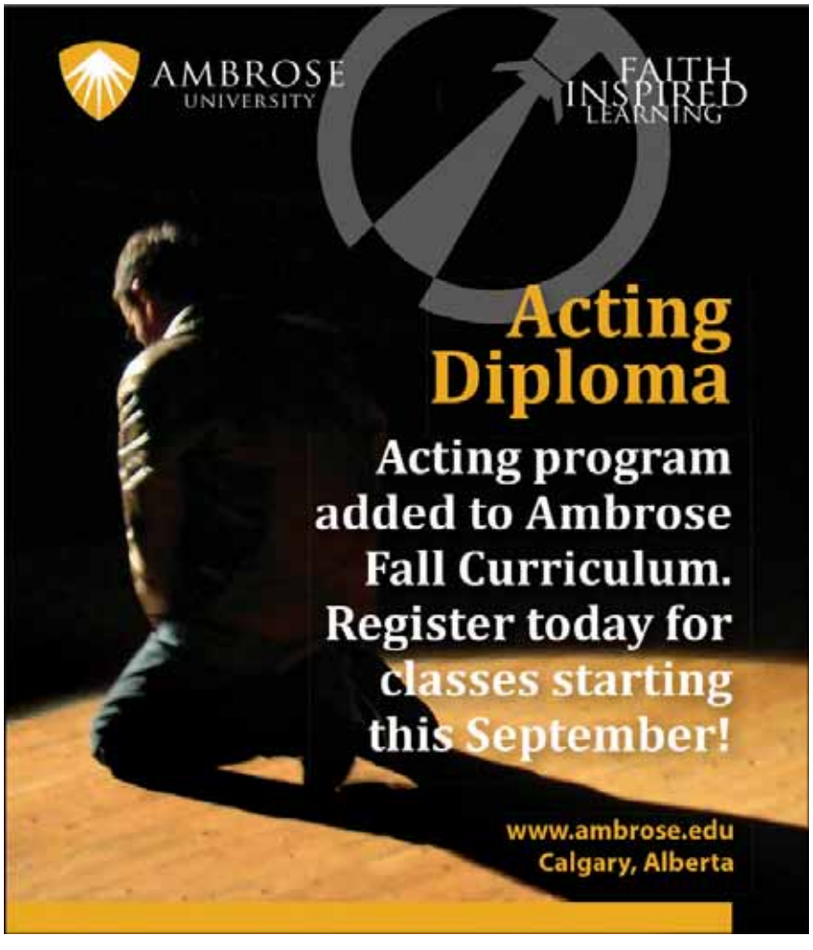

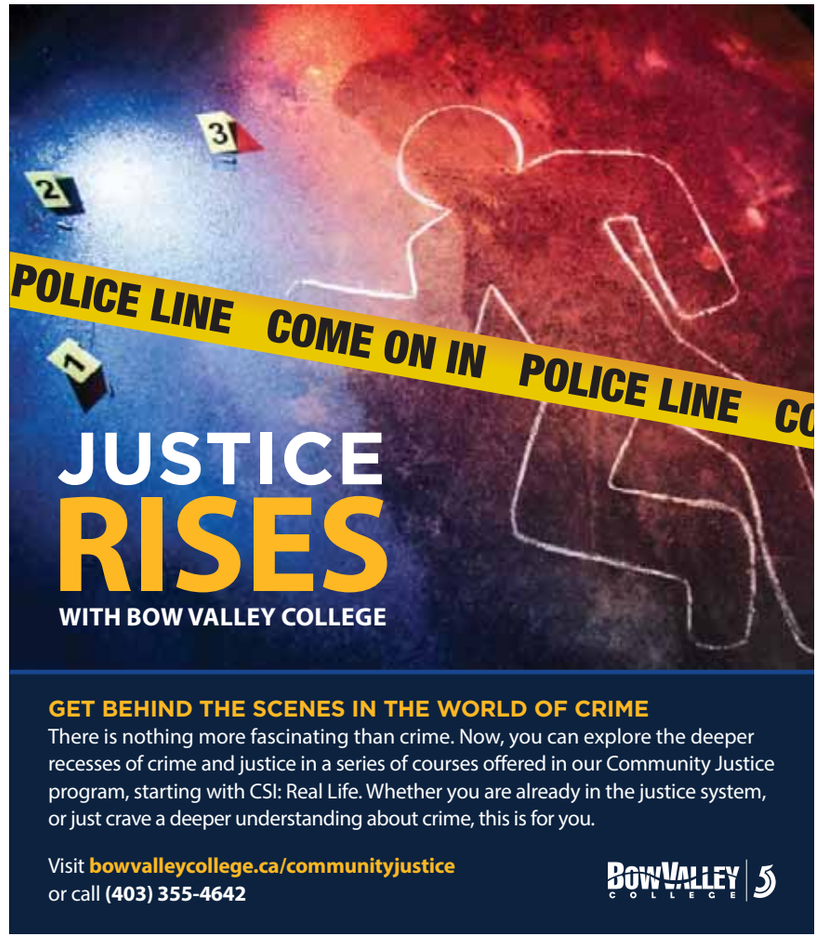
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See how community justice affects your neighbourhood

For anyone interested in how justice and law enforcement works within their community, the community justice program at Bow Valley College will educate individuals on how it affects their neighbourhoods.

"The courses within the program were designed to offer diverse perspectives on various issues, challenges and developments within justice," says Carl DeSantis, program co-ordinator, justice studies, Bow Valley College.

The community justice certificate is a series of four continuing education courses, taught by law enforcement professionals, presenting an overview of the criminal justice system as well as the practices and principles used to prevent, intervene, and address criminality and individuals at risk.

"These instructors will not come to class to simply read textbooks, but, rather, they are prepared to present and discuss real-life examples and situations throughout each of the courses," DeSantis says. "Course participants will benefit from the personal experiences of the various instructors."

In addition, these courses explore the role of science and technology as they apply to investigative outcomes.

Building upon this theoretical foundation, best practices in community justice affecting your neighbourhood are examined. The issues include the role of the media and social media at the community level.

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After playing on a tightrope for two weeks, the dam finally broke and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 on Monday night to win one of the tightest Stanley Cup final series in NHL history and capture their third title in the past six years.

GAME 6 In Chicago

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Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews hoists the Stanley Cup after defeated the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 in Game 6 of the final series on Monday night in Chicago. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

The Blackhawks lifted the Cup at the United Center for the first time. It is the first time since 1938 that they have won on home ice.

Duncan Keith scored the clincher on one of the best individual efforts of the playoffs, and Patrick Kane provided the exclamation point with a third-period goal.

They got help from goaltender Corey Crawford, who made 25 saves to pick up his first shutout of the final. In total he stopped 151 of the 161 shots he faced to outduel an injured Ben Bishop.

The Lightning's starter again fought through injury but couldn't be perfect enough. With a banged-up team in front of him, Bishop made 30 saves as Tampa Bay couldn't force a Game 7 back home Wednesday night.

A Game 7 is the only thing that could have made this series more historic. Each of the first five games was decided by one goal for the first time since 1951.

In the end the difference was not the offensive stars. Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews had just one goal, while Kane didn't get on the board until the final minutes of Game 6.

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos was shut out.

As the series turned into a battle of wills, the Lightning put forth their final burst of desperation facing elimination. But with several players dealing with noticeable injuries, they didn't have enough to push back against the playoff-tested and healthier Blackhawks.

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Canada survives with a draw

Substitute Kirsten Van De Ven scored in the 87th minute as the Netherlands earned a 1-1 draw with host Canada on Monday night at the FIFA Women's World Cup.

However, Canada still finished first in Group A with a win and two draws and will begin single-game knock-out play Sunday in Vancouver against an opponent still to be determined. China was second in the group while the Netherlands, with a win a loss and a draw, was third.

GROUP A In Montreal

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CANADA	NETHERLANDS

Ashley Lawrence scored early for Canada, but the Dutch were a threat all night with their counter-attacking game and finally got the equalizer with three minutes left in regular time.

A crowd of 45,420 at Olympic Stadium saw coach John Herdman make four lineup changes looking for offence from a Canadian team whose only goal in the opening two games was on a penalty.

Canada had the early pressure and Lawrence got a goal 10 minutes in on a play that started with a throw-in deep in Dutch territory.

The ball deflected to Sophie Schmidt, who slipped it to Lawrence for a shot that went in off goalkeeper Loes Geurts' knee.

Lawrence nearly added another a minute later but saw her low shot miss the left post.

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Canada's Ashley Lawrence, from left, celebrates her goal against the Netherlands with Allysha Chapman, Kaylyn Kyle and Kadeisha Buchanan. NICHOLAS KAMM/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

FIFA booted out of fair-play program

The Nobel Peace Center says it will stop working with FIFA on a joint fair-play program called "Handshake for Peace."

The Nobel centre's board, which is appointed by the famed Nobel Peace Prize committee, made the announcement on Monday.

Without mentioning the corruption allegations against the world soccer body, the board said it had asked the centre's administrators "to terminate the co-operation with FIFA as soon as circumstances allow." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Blazer's undercover duty dates back to 2011

Former FIFA executive committee member Chuck Blazer agreed to act undercover for U.S. prosecutors and has been co-operating since at least 2011 in the government's investigation of soccer corruption.

Blazer's 19-page plea agreement from Nov. 25, 2013, was unsealed Monday after a federal judge agreed to a request by media organizations.

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James confident going into do-or-die Game 6

Wearing a leather Cavaliers cap and a steely look, LeBron James used his post-game platform to proclaim that he's "the best player in the world."

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It's not as if his greatness was in dispute after five dominant games of these NBA Finals. James has shown no one challenges his on-court supremacy. However, while his game and confidence soar, James knows he must do even more, if possible, to stop Cleveland's inspiring post-season from crashing.

"I've got to be better," James said.

Up 3-2 in the series, the Warriors can win their first title since 1975 on Tuesday night with a win in Game 6.

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Wilmer Flores, centre, of the Mets celebrates with teammates after hitting the game-winning run. MIKE STOBE/GETTY IMAGES

Mets end Jays' streak

MLB

Toronto's fine run over after Flores singles in 11th inning

Wilmer Flores singled to cap a two-out, two-run rally in the 11th inning, and the New York Mets ended Toronto's team record-tying 11-game winning streak, beating the Blue Jays 4-3 Monday night.

The Blue Jays trailed 2-1 in the ninth before Jose Bautista tied it with his second home run of the game, connecting against Jeurys Familia.

Toronto took the lead in the 11th on Dioner Navarro's sacrifice fly off Hansel Robles (2-0). The Mets then came back for their fourth win in five games.

With Ruben Tejada on first and one out, Michael Cuddyer hit a potential game-ending double-play grounder to second baseman Danny Valencia. Tejada smartly slowed up and Valencia tagged him, but too late to throw onto first.

Lucas Duda followed by slicing a single to shallow left field, and Cuddyer hustled all the way home. Duda took second on the throw, Liam Hendricks relieved and Flores lined the first pitch up the middle, setting off a raucous celebration near second base.

The Mets were the other team in the majors with an 11-game winning streak this season. Familia was trying for a four-out save for the second straight day. He wound up with his second blown save this season, spoiling a dominant start by Noah Syndergaard.

Pitching on an extra day's rest, the rookie right-hander nicknamed Thor struck out a career-high 11 and allowed two hits in six overpowering innings.

New York broke through against Buehrle in the sixth, taking advantage of former Mets star Jose Reyes' throwing error from deep shortstop on Kevin Plawecki's grounder to open the inning.

Juan Lagares and Tejada each had RBI doubles in the sixth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Hornets trade struggling Stephenson to Clippers

The Lance Stephenson experiment is over in Charlotte. The Hornets gave up on the struggling guard Monday, trading him to the Los Angeles Clippers in exchange for centre Spencer Hawes and forward Matt Barnes.

The Hornets felt Stephenson was on his way to becoming a star when he averaged 13.8 points, 7.2 rebounds and 4.6 assists while starting 78 games two years ago for an Indiana Pacers team that won 56 games and made the Eastern Conference finals. They gave him a three-year, $27-million contract, figuring he would bring some needed playoff experience. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Alouettes suspend Sam but retain rights

The Montreal Alouettes suspended defensive end Michael Sam on Monday, a move that frees up a roster spot while allowing the Alouettes to retain Sam's CFL rights.

The 25-year-old left the Alouettes' training camp for personal reasons last week after being given special permission to return home to Texas. His departure came three weeks after he became the first openly gay player to sign in the CFL.

Sam was selected in the seventh round of the 2014 NFL draft by the St. Louis Rams, becoming the first openly gay player chosen by an NFL team. He was later cut by the Rams and from the Dallas Cowboys' practice roster.

A star at Missouri in college, Sam earned SEC Defensive Player of the Year honours in 2013 before turning pro. The Alouettes play their second pre-season game Thursday at home against Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Michael Sam is home to Texas for personal reasons. GETTY IMAGES

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RECIPE Moroccan Kale, Couscous, Goat Cheese and Dried Cranberry Salad

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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Tip for this salad: massaging the kale makes it tender. This salad can be dressed hours before serving.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Serving size: 4

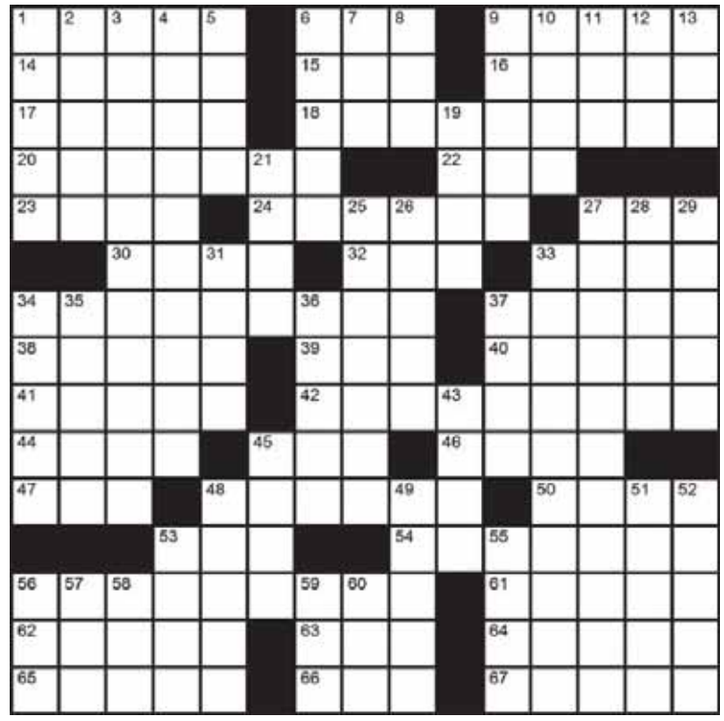
Ingredients
- 1/4 cup dried Israeli couscous (pearl pasta) or small ball pasta
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- 1 Tbsp maple syrup
- 1 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 4 cups chopped kale
- 1/2 cup julienned carrot slices
- 1/2 cup yellow or red cherry tomatoes sliced in half
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup crumbled goat cheese
- 1 Tbsp chopped mint or basil

Directions
1. Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add Israeli couscous and cook just until tender. Drain and rinse with cold water.
2. Combine olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, vinegar and salt and pepper for dressing. Add kale and massage with fingers for two minutes. Place on serving plate. Top with cooked couscous and remaining ingredients.

Nutrition per serving
- Calories 210
- Protein 6 g
- Fibre 2 g
- Fat 11 g
- Saturated fat 3 g
- Cholesterol 5 mg

CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Bronson Pinchot's "Perfect Strangers" character
6. Wary
9. Wetland
14. Mr. Alda, when in France
15. Teeny
16. Vietnam's capital
17. Assiniboia __ (Winnipeg horse racing track)
18. How Cartier and Champlain spent their time in Canada
20. Summer garb: 2 wds.
22. '_ '__ in Eckville
23. Dionne Warwick's "Walk __ __"
24. _ _ _ (WWII naval craft)
27. General __ (Superman enemy)
30. "From Here to Eternity" (1953) actor, Philip __
32. 1970s President (Monogram)
33. Relinquish control
34. Barely a breath left to breathe: 2 wds.
37. Simon of Duran Duran: 2 wds.
38. Dispense
39. Air Supply's "Just __ _ Am"
40. Q. "Did Steven Tyler appear __ __-DMC's video for 'Walk This Way'?" A. "Yes."
41. Incisions
42. Terrestrial
44. Sardines containers
45. Eastern prov.
46. What 'Manitoba' has in its spelling: word + letter
47. Portion [abbr.]
48. __ Brook, Newfoundland
50. Essences
53. The __, Manitoba
54. Birthplace of Welsh poet Dylan Thomas (b.1914 - d.1953)
56. As per #4-Down... Music and Lyrics: Cyndi Lauper - Book: Harvey __
61. Ms. Rinna, and others
62. Allow in
63. Egg mass
64. Weight units in China
65. Blusher
66. Mr. Van Sant
67. City passageway

DOWN
1. George Thorogood & The Destroyers hit: "__ the Bone"
2. Take out _ __ (Borrow money)
3. Sport played at #33-Down: 2 wds.
4. Tony-winning musical on now at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto: 2 wds.
5. Acad.
6. Tidied the floors
7. Curse
8. "Sure!"
9. A young #13-Down
10. "Star __" (1977)
11. Cuckoo bird
12. Wee weekday
13. Farm animal
19. Trim
21. Grand Ole __
25. Canadian comedy impresario Mark
26. 'Labor __ Vincit' (Oklahoma's state motto)
27. Quickly-colonizing problem of fresh waters: 2 wds.
28. Febreze target
29. Canadian singer Mr. Doherty
31. Office phone lines [abbr.]
33. __ Park (Recreational attraction in Moncton)
34. Endures
35. Famous TV puppet
36. Visibly star-struck person
37. Lender's protection
43. Oslo's land, briefly
45. Station
48. Hereditary social class
49. Medieval labourers
51. Bluesy street in Memphis
52. Flip
53. Snoot
55. Sask. neighbour
56. Outlying
57. Bride's vow: 2 wds.
58. Aussie bird
59. Work unit
60. Indebted one's letters

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You seem to have a viewpoint on anything and everything and today's new moon will make you more opinionated than usual. Not all of them will meet with others' approval but since when did an Aries care about that?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to find a solution to a problem that has been annoying you. Most likely it has something to do with money and most likely you know what to do but have not yet found the courage to take action. Find it now.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
A new moon in your sign is a wonderful omen that, among other things, gives you huge self-belief. It is not a case of IF you will succeed but WHEN you will succeed, and with that kind of confidence it won't be long.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Your solar year is drawing to a close and a new cycle will begin when the sun moves into your sign next weekend. What you do between now and then is of huge importance. Be brave: chase that dream you have avoided.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Make contact with new people today. Because the new moon falls in one of the more positive areas of your chart you should have no trouble making friends. Group activities of all sorts are under excellent stars.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What you say and do over the next few days will make an impression on employers and colleagues. Make sure it is a good one. Let them know you're ambitious and ready for more responsibility. You will get it.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon suggests you have been in one place too long and need to move on. You need a bigger challenge, so don't hang around: get up, get moving and get a better life.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be suspicious of someone's motives but you must not say so until you know for certain that they are up to no good. If you make accusations you cannot prove you could attract the kind of attention you don't need.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A relationship may be giving you cause for concern but today's new moon will set your mind at ease. Put your differences behind you and focus on things that unite you, rather than divide you. It's still a match made in Heaven.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Make sure you are paid the proper amount for whatever tasks you undertake today. You like to help people out but that does not mean they can take advantage and take it for granted that you will work for next to nothing.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A creative or artistic endeavour will go well for you thanks to a new moon in the most dynamic area of your chart, not least because any doubts and fears you had are now firmly behind you.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Do what you want today and don't let those who seem to do nothing but criticize talk you down. Keep self-doubts to yourself and act as if you cannot possibly lose and you won't.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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